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## **Programs help spouses find employment**

Spouses fulfill a unique role in our Air Force, providing support for the military member who has answered the call to serve. However, today's fiscal reality—coupled with a desire to seek personal and professional fulfillment—sends many spouses in search of their own careers. Spouse employment opportunities are increasingly crucial to the recruitment and retention of Airmen, as many families need two incomes to maintain their quality of life.

The Airman & Family Readiness Center has employment assistance services to meet the challenges spouses face in training for and finding suitable positions in their chosen career fields.

Here are some services your local A&FRC provides:

- Classes and individual consultation on career planning and personal development, resume writing, interviewing skills and all other phases of the job search process
- Resource centers with guided access to computers; laser printers; internet information on jobs, careers and job search skills; and local and long distance job listings in the public and private sectors
- Air Force Aid sponsors grants every year and funds programs at selected installations to train spouses in transportable skills like medical transcription and operating a home or virtual business
- A&FRC staff constantly network with local employers and human resource managers to promote the military spouse as a prime candidate for employment. They also partner with colleges, school districts and other community organizations to offer career fairs and other employment opportunities
- Department of Defense initiatives such as Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (CAA) and Spouses to Teachers programs are also available to spouses. CAA offers grants for training, education and licensure in selected, easily transportable career fields. Spouses to Teachers provides information and referral to spouses planning a teaching career

For more information about spouse employment, contact your local A&FRC.

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